

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 247

To amend section 1369 of title 18, United States Code, to extend Federal jurisdiction over destruction of veterans' memorials on State or local government property.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2009

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Our Veterans
5 Memorials Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) crimes against United States military vet-
9 erans' memorials on public property dishonor all

1 American servicemen and women and their sacrifices
2 for the Nation's defense; and

3 (2) Federal prosecution of crimes against such
4 veterans' memorials on public property is in the na-
5 tional interest of honoring the Nation's military vet-
6 erans.

7 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL JURISDICTION OVER DESTRUCTION OF**
8 **VETERANS' MEMORIALS ON STATE OR LOCAL**
9 **GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.**

10 Section 1369(b)(2) of title 18, United States Code,
11 is amended by inserting “, or a State or local government”
12 after “Federal Government”.

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